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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to comments on the "Assessment of Avian Mortality from Collisions and Electrocutions," CEC-700-2005-015, by Melinda Dorn from the 2005 Integrated Energy Policy Report.

The CEC report is an excellent example of objective scientific research. In addition to identifying the scope of the avian mortality problem caused by wind turbines and funding vital research on this topic, the report identifies existing and potential problems for bats from wind turbines.

Bat mortality from wind turbines had previously been assumed to be negligible, due at least in part to a lack of research focusing on bats at wind facilities. This report indicates a potentially serious impact from turbines, and includes important recommendations for reducing impacts to bats.

The CEC should, without question, stay involved in wind research in California. Their financial and biological input has been vital to answering fundamental questions about impacts to bats from wind turbines in the state.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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